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ALTONA BOWLER TOPPLES CHAMP.



John D. Mather, Altona's bowler who toppled the champions, prepares to use a measure in a game he was playing on the local green last Monday.

Altona bowler, John D. Mather, defeated Australia's most consistent bowler ever, Glyn Bosisto, last Saturday to qualify for the quarter final of the Metropolitan bowls singles title.

Before Saturday's match Bosisto, five times Victorian champion and former Australian champion, was thought to be too good for Mather, a comparatively unknown 35 year old.

Mather defeated Bosisto 21-18. On Saturday Bosisto was considered to be in form when he scored a 21-15 win over an interstate skipper, Ray Phillips.

Earlier in the afternoon Mather put Dan Fleming, 1964 Metropolitan pairs champion, out of the competition. The matches played at West Coburg were watched by Mr. Ed. Rowson, a top player with the West Coburg Club.

Rowson feels sure that Mather will come close to taking off the championship.

The game between Mather and Bosisto opened with Bosisto scoring on the first end.

Mather replied with two on the second end and with good

consistent bowling forged ahead to lead 9-4.

Bosisto recovered to level the scores at 9 all.

Mather went ahead to 13-9 but Bosisto again recovered well and took the lead 14-13.

At this stage Bosisto was holding 3 good shots for a 17-13 lead when Mather rested the shot bowl to win the end and make scores 14 all.

They were level again at 16 all when Mather drew a "toucher" on a long end.

Bosisto drove the "toucher" into the ditch but on a measure the "Toucher" still was the shot. This gave Mather a lead of 17-16.

Mather again drew a "toucher" on the next end and was

holding 2 shots when Bosisto turned in a third shot for Mather giving Mather a lead of 20-16.

Bosisto scored two on the following end to make it 20-18.

On the last end Mather was holding 2 shots when Bosisto managed to take one out. But it still left one in for Mather and gave Mather a 21-18 victory.

Mather was one of the 857 entrants in the championship and won his way through the elimination rounds to be in the final 32 players.

Last season he also was among the final 32 but was eliminated by one of the top players.

This season he has defeated a number of noted players and has twice in the last 3 years defeated Footscray bowler, Harry Lyon, who is one of the current national champion four.

Mather now is in the final eight which will play off in the quarter finals on March 20.

Only former singles champion to reach the quarter finals is Dan Farmer of Carlton, who won the state title in 1956.

Mather joined Altona last season after he moved into the district. He lives in Pollard Court.

STUDENT GAINS EXHIBITION

Exhibitions in physics 3A and 3B were gained by Garry Briscoe of Wattle Grove, Seaholme, in his final year Bachelor of Science examinations before Christmas.

This year he will continue his studies at Melbourne University for Bachelor of Science with Honours and hopes to continue for a Master's degree.

Garry, who was 21 last Friday, is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Briscoe.

His early education was gained at Seaholme Primary School and at the Altona High School where he was dux of his form for most of the years he spent there.

When he gained his matriculation he was offered a studentship and won a Commonwealth Scholarship. He chose the studentship.

A former footballer in the Spotswood Under 16 and Under 18 teams, Garry is now a keen photographer.

Also studying at Melbourne University is his brother Colin who this year is doing second year science.

Relieving Infant Welfare Sister

Sister D. A. Hatley, sister in charge of the infant welfare centre in Murphy-st., Altona North, has been granted leave of absence for the period January 30 to May 28, 1968.

During her absence, Sister Hatley will be relieved by Sister E. Crothers. Sister Crothers is well known in the area as she has relieved when other sisters have taken leave from time to time.

IMMUNISATIONS THIS FRIDAY

The Altona Shire Council's free immunisation clinics will re-open for the year on Friday next, January 19.

Immunisation takes place from 10-30 a.m. to 11-45 a.m.

On January 19, Dr. J. Leyden and staff will be in attendance at the Altona Civic Hall and on January 26 at the Altona North Youth Hall.

For further details contact the infant welfare sister or the council's health department.

SLOUGH ESTATES LOSS GROWS

Slough Estates Australia Pty. Ltd., a local off shoot of the British Development Group continued to operate at a loss in the year to June.

The company is developing a large industrial park in Altona.

Annual accounts filed at the Victorian Companies Office last Friday said the company had a loss of \$21,075 for the year 1966-1967.

In the previous year the company lost \$6,722.

The result increases accumulated losses to \$40,367.

The accounts were finalised after depreciation charges of \$2,399 (\$177 previously) and salaries and general charges of \$35,291 (previously \$31,931).

The company's issued capital was held at \$891,000, which included \$662,000 in premiums paid on shares.

All the shares are held by Slough Estates in Britain.

ALTONA WEST GIRL IS QUALIFIED PILOT



Nineteen year old Maureen De Lorenzo of Maidstone Street, Altona, who recently obtained her unrestricted pilot's licence, shows the controls of a Beechcraft Musketeer to her friend, Roslyn Forty, who is also learning to fly.

Maureen's licence permits her to fly to any part of Australia and her ambition is to become a flying instructor. At present she is a secretary with the Yorkshire Life Assurance Company in Queen Street, Melbourne.

She is the eldest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank De Lorenzo's family of six (three girls and three boys). Her father is an aircraft engineer with Ansett-A.N.A.

Maureen commenced training with Bib Stilwell's Civil Flying School at Moorabbin about a year and a half ago. Firstly she obtained her "restricted" pilot's licence which permitted her to take passengers but confined her to flying in the Moorabbin airport area.

Recently she obtained her "unrestricted" licence which allows her to fly anywhere in Australia and take passengers. To obtain the restricted licence, Maureen had to fly at least 30 hours, half of this period being spent on solo flights. She had to complete an additional 20 hours of cross-country flying to qualify for the unrestricted licence. Also she had to do ground studies at the Flight Training Centre in the City.

Maureen trained in a Victa and then a Beechcraft Musketeer which is a four-seater aircraft. At the present time she has flown 105 hours.

He is in the Altona club's top side in B4 division.

Before that he was an A grade skipper with the Dousta Galla club in Essendon which he joined when he came to Australia from Scotland in 1962.

He first played bowls at the age of 19 on public greens in Scotland.

Three years later he joined the 100 year old Vale of Leven club about 20 miles from Glasgow.

AUSTRALIA DAY

Altona Shire President, Cr. H. W. Lee, appeals to all residents and firms with flag poles to fly flags not only on Australia Day, Friday, January 26, but also on the public holiday, Monday, January 29.

DENTAL CLINIC TIMES

The dental clinic which is usually open on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Homestead, Queen-st., Altona, will be closed for the balance of the school holidays.

Appointments may be made at 10 a.m. for Monday or Wednesday commencing February 19.

EDITORIAL

NOW FOR 1968

1967 was a year of drama. The highlights of the international and national scenes were such as will greatly influence the future.

And locally the turn of events were such as to place 1967 as an important milestone in Altona's history.

A radical change in the personnel of the Council has come at a time when major questions face the Shire.

It can be granted that councillors and executive staff will maintain the routine of Altona at its usual high level.

Finance and other problems will call for the utmost from each councillor and also for the goodwill and favourable consideration of others concerned.

Past Altona Councils have been aggressive in placing the needs of Altona before authorities.

This activity must be continued. The importance of the ultra-council pleas can now be strengthened.

Those in high places can come to realise that the newly constituted council (with different viewpoints) can speak equally strongly for Altona.

The new Council can not only emulate its predecessors in their one mindedness for Altona.

It should seek to find more points of contact and endeavour to enlarge the areas of agreement.

NEW LADIES BOWLS CHAMP

Carmen Ford has won the Ladies' Singles Title of the Altona Bowling Club.

Two new comers to a finals match played off for the title in ideal weather conditions and before a large number of spectators.

Mrs. Ford played well in defeating Alice Newton 25-14.

She will now represent the Altona Club in the Champion of Champion Title matches to be played in March.

In the final game Lorna Walsh was marking and Pat Gischus umpiring.

Inter-club day at Altona proved very successful with full compliments to the Games Committee for their efficient organisation of the day.

The trophy was won by a Newport rink but runners-up were on Altona rink skipped by Mavis Andress.

A big welcome back to the club was given president Isla Probert who has been on the sick list for some time. This time she is back to stay.

All the lady bowlers wish John Mather well in the Metropolitan Singles Title. He has topped the Master of Bowls, Glyn Bosisto, and goes on to play in the quarter finals.

What gives with the two secretaries of the Bowling Club?

Several weeks ago the ladies secretary, Esme Martin broke her toe. Now club secretary, Bill Walsh, is hobbling too — with a broken toe.

Others who are wished well in their recovery from illness include Sid Carton who was a patient in Geelong Hospital, Jess Grant who has been discharged from Williamstown Hospital, and Vera Sevier who was laid low.

Back on the green again now her leg is out of plaster is Ruby Fisher who is still putting the bowls on the jack.

Two players took off trophies from other clubs during the Christmas break — Winnie Neal was a trophy winner at the Boolarra Club and George Russell at the Werribee Bowling Club.

Back from a trip to Alice Springs are Chas and Flo McDonald — ask Flo about the aborigines.

Best wishes for the future and best of health are offered to Billie and Gordon Bougoure who have returned to live in Queensland.

Kennedy-Kiernan Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, of Chifley-ave., Altona announce with pleasure the engagement of their only child, Lynette Mary, on the occasion of her 21st birthday, to Peter George, only child of Mr. and Mrs. F. Kiernan, of Albion-st., Brunswick.

FIRST CAMERA CLUB MEETING

Club members, refreshed from their holidays, gathered at the clubroom last Friday, January 12, for the first meeting of 1968.

As many are still away, the meeting was completely open with various aspects of club activity being discussed. Rules and conditions of monthly competitions will be prominently displayed at each meeting along with the Syllabus. A typed list of competition subjects and definitions are available from the Secretary upon request.

Entries for the January competition, under the title of "Speed or Action" must be handed in to the Secretary on Friday, January 19. These may be any black and white print or Colour slide in which the impression of movement is conveyed.

The use of competition numbers only on entries will be instituted, as from this year to allow all judging to be impartially carried out. These numbers will be allotted next Friday.

Once again there will not be any set subject for this Friday's meeting other than submitting of competition entries.

Meetings will continue as previously in the Homestead, Queen St., Altona, with all information being given through the Star.

FEWER EMPLOYEES AT RAILWAY SHOPS

With the handing over of railway construction work to private enterprise the work force at the Newport railway workshops has fallen lower than during the depression years, said Cr. A. W. Knight, MLC, when speaking on the Railway Loan Application Bill.

He said: "If government supporters continue to sigh as I rise to speak, I might put on a filibuster. It is all very well for government supporters to get upset, but when men are out of work I shall fight in this Chamber for their rights."

"The employees of the Newport railway workshops are not happy with this government which has handed railway construction work over to big business with the result that the work force at the Newport railway workshops is lower than what it was during the depression. So, it is time that someone told government supporters what is happening as the result of the government's action."

"It has allowed private enterprise to build Harris trains. It was proved during the war years that trains of this type could be built at the Newport workshops."

"The employees of those workshops were commended by all parties for the work they did during the war. However, today the Liberal Party Government in this State is selling them out, apprentices and all, and it is to the Government's shame."

"I hope Mr. Brown, the former manager of the workshops, who is now chairman of commissioners, will take heed of the warning and build Harris trains at the Newport workshops instead of letting private enterprise reap the profits because this government continues to give it work that should be undertaken at the workshops."

"When the deterioration that has taken place at the workshops through the decline in the work force is noted, it is realised it is time that we took heed."

OIL WHARVES TO BE RE-LOCATED

Plans have been finalised for re-locating the Newport oil wharves out of the navigation channel said the Minister of Public Works, Mr. M. V. Porter, MLA, in answer to a question from Mr. W. L. Floyd, MLA for Williamstown.

The work is provided for in the Harbour Trust's budget for the year 1968 and will be met from the Melbourne Harbour Trust fund said the Minister.

He also pointed out that the Harbour Trust operates on a calendar year and not on a financial year.

Church Notices

BAPTIST

Sargood Street, Altona.

Cordially welcomes you to all meetings.

Services: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Communion: First Sunday morning and Third Sunday evening.

11.30 a.m.: Junior Christian Endeavour.

2.30 p.m.: Intermediate Christian Endeavour.

7 p.m.: Evening Service.

Minister—Pastor R. J. Reynolds, 62 Blyth Street, Altona.

Telephone: 65-8829.

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's

Confessions

Railway Street, Altona.

Masses

Sundays: 7.30, 9 and 10.30 a.m.

Holy Days: 7, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

First Fridays: 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

First Friday (Maltese): 4 and 5.30 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Nooney, P.P.

Rev. Father M. Kelleher.

Father V. Rubeo.

St. Mary's Presbytery, Railway Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8964.

St. Joseph's Convent, Sargood Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8686.

Queen of Peace

Laverton.

Masses

Sundays: 7.30, 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.

First Fridays: 6.15 p.m.

Week Days: Thursdays, 11 a.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m.

Confessions

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

St. Leo's

Corner Mason Street and Fourth Avenue, Altona North.

Masses

Sunday: 7.30, 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Kierce, PP, Rev. Father M. Sultana, St. Leo's Presbytery, 315 Mason-st., Altona North. Telephone: 391-3219.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. Eanswythe's Queen Street, Altona.

VICAR—The Rev. John Lawley, The Vicarage, 7 Bent Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1005.

Sunday Services

8 a.m.: Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m.: Holy Communion (first, third and fifth Sundays).

Matins (second and fourth Sundays).

7 p.m.: Evensong.

Sunday School.

Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

St. Luke's CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Cnr. Blackshaws and Millers Roads, Altona North.

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 9.30 a.m.

VICAR—The Rev. D. Townsend, 300 Blackshaws Road, Altona North. Telephone 391-3096.

MARTIN LUTHER CONGREGATION MELBOURNE

25 The Broadway, Altona.

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METHODIST

Seves Street, Altona.

Sunday

Sunday School: 9.45 a.m.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.: Divine Worship.

Cnr. Marion Street and Sixth Avenue, Altona North.

Sunday

11 a.m.: Divine Worship.

MINISTER—Rev. John C. Adamthwaite, 109 Queen Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1765.

Goble Street, Laverton.

(Held in Church of England Hall, Goble Street, Laverton.)

3 p.m.: Divine Worship.

MINISTER—Rev. A. D. McGregor, 61 Synott Street, Werribee. Telephone: Werribee 1161.

PRESBYTERIAN

241 Civic Parade, Altona.

Sunday Services

9.15 a.m.: Morning Service.

MINISTER—Rev. John Haysey, The Manse, 9 Lindwood Avenue, Altona. Telephone: 398-1591.

9 Paringa Road, Altona North.

11 a.m.: Worship Service

League of Young Worshipers share in the Worship from 11 to 11.30 a.m.

MINISTER—Mr. W. A'Drain, The Manse, 11 Paringa Road, Altona North. Telephone 314-5179.

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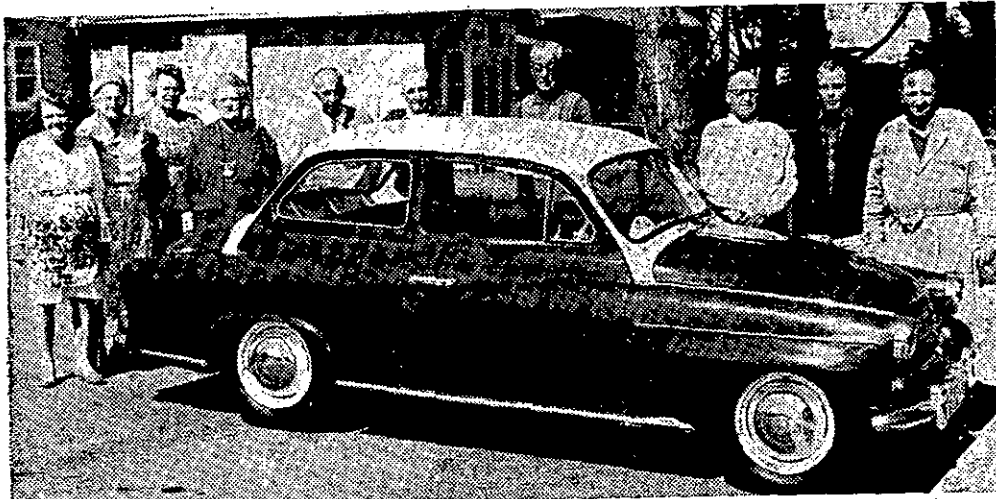
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ALTONA YOUTH CLUB HALL

Civic-pde., Altona

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ELDERLY CITIZENS ADMIRE RAFFLE CAR



Members of the Altona Elderly Citizens Club admire the Skoda car donated by Mr. Graeme Spence, then of Altona Car Sales, and standing next to Cr. G. den Dulk on the extreme right. The car was raffled and the winning name was drawn at the club by Mr. Spence on December 21. Winner was A. E. Smith, 2A Rayner-st., Altona.

Going to Secondary School

Our State secondary system of education may not be perfect, but for all girls and boys it provides some of the tools of living—vocationally and culturally. How then, can we help our children make best use of their secondary education?

Before we begin to talk about going to secondary school let's consider a similar situation. Imagine you are the top administrative group of a large company. You've been with the company some seven years, you know the people in it and they know you. The boss knows you, too. He's always been as a good friend to you and been able to help you achieve your best.

Over the seven years you've developed some close friendships and even sat at the same desk with your best friend every day for several years. At sports day and picnics you've been as good as the rest and even have a few ribbons to prove it.

Then comes the news that the company needs you no longer, you must, therefore, move to a new one, a larger one as well. Some of your friends will be with you, but most will not.

You won't be going into the top echelon either, you will be one of the operators here. The rules will be new and of course many of the operations will be new. The administrators will be new to you, too. As well as this you have the problem that you've put on some weight lately and seem to have trouble physically doing the things you used to do so easily.

Oh well, at least you've had all that experience behind you so you'll probably cope all right, but.

I think we would all agree that the above would be in reality a situation which would tax your ability and confidence to the full. Yet similar problems of adjustment face all our primary school leavers as they move on to secondary school.

Most specialists agree that 11 plus is not the ideal time to make the break, but few places in the world have been able to overcome the problem satisfactorily. The exit primary pupil leaves his secure surroundings to face up to a new secondary school situation just when he or she is adjusting physically and mentally to equally disturbing bodily changes. In all this change the one place the child has which is unchanging is the home environment. Parents must try and see the situation as it is so that they can objectively lend all the support they can.

THE CHILD

Adolescence brings many changes. Often by 13-14 the adolescent has a mature physical body; matured within a few years.

So that all the levers and muscle systems that have been developing for 12 years are suddenly altered. Naturally co-ordination or re-co-ordination takes some time. As well glands now add secretion into the blood stream which alter physical characteristics and mental attitudes.

Each child then has to make a great effort to adjust to his or her own altered situation. Each home must provide an understanding and secure harbour in which the child can shelter so that he or she may venture forth again. If you're at school then the same child will emerge from high school a different person. A person with a changed physical and physiological structure and whose adult pattern of emotional and mental development has already been set. A child begins high school but a young adult emerges. The quality of the young adult will depend largely on the quality of the home environment that has been provided.

We often hear the statement—"Oh, my children are big enough to look after themselves now." In some sense this is true, but only in very small matters. Parents sometimes confuse "big enough" with "mature enough." Whilst the children may certainly be as "big" as some adults who can look after themselves very few are mature enough.

The child of course does see himself as "big" enough and all our experience and patience as parents are necessary to cope with the many varied problems that arise. The parent-child relationship that has built up over the years now changes to an adult-adult relationship. The new adult of course has definite limitation in the new role which

will severely tax the understanding of the older adult.

Many and varied are the textbooks written on the subject of the adolescent. Only a few of the facets can be mentioned here but all text books agree upon one thing. The carefully nurtured relationships that have been established in the home in the pre-secondary school years, is vital at the secondary stage. It will be severely tested but should continue and emerge on a new basis.

THE STUDENT

In particular the child needs some serious consideration of opportunities and facilities for private study.

Broadly the primary school has supplied the basic skills which will now be used to study in more detail and with more depth. Homework takes on a new dimension.

The student must seek out material for himself. Methods of study must be developed which are efficient. Intelligent use of library and other reference books must be made. The necessary skills for these activities are taught at school but must be re-inforced by interested parents. However, inadequate we as parents may feel with our own level of education there are still many ways in which help can be given. We can plan the family activities wisely so that a study or homework time is made routine. It may mean that we will miss a favourite show on television or a family visit be postponed. Wherever the family has a wide age range many problems can be prevented by a family get-together where the week's television viewing, outings, etc., is planned to fit in with a study routine.

As parents of space-age children we should be able to share in the excitement of the discovery of new knowledge. Although academically we may not be able to understand all our children learn we should be able to use our life experience to see where and how new knowledge fits. However well or not we can manage to help our children one further thing is vital. We must help the child to understand that we are always on the side of the school.

Wherever an obvious difference of opinion occurs it is best referred direct to the teacher either by special interview or on Parents-Teachers' Association nights.

PARENT-TEACHER RELATIONSHIP

There are some schools who restrict the number of new teachers concerned with teaching Form 1.

By so doing the child is gradually led into the secondary system of secondary specialist teachers. There will be at least one teacher who sees more of a form than others. This teacher will soon come to know each student and his differences as an individual. The teachers own observations are supported by discussion with other subject teachers. Parent-teacher rights and interviews can thus be most profitable to both parties. The teachers know that any problems that might arise can be discussed and resolved and as parents we can feel the same.

Often, parent-teacher interviews can help us as parents to fit many of the puzzling pieces together. Perhaps we won't understand all the subject matter but discussion can show us the

broad objectives of the subject. Such discussions are the place for resolving differences of opinion as previously mentioned. We do our children much harm by resolving work differences in any other way.

PARENT-SCHOOL RELATIONSHIP

For those who didn't read the words on the primary school could we agree again that the school consists of the pupils, staff, parents rather than the bricks and mortar.

If we are prepared to become part of the team and accept the many opportunities for assistance then the school becomes a more vital place. Our own secondary schools have many curricular and extra curricular activities and these are very much a part of our children's education. Excursions, dramatic work and sporting events all give children opportunities to be part of a team, to engage in something that is bigger than themselves and are thus positive democratic citizenship building activities.

Sometimes we feel the pinch. We haven't either the time or the finance to participate in such and such an activity but it is well if we remember that here the "extra-yard" is most worthwhile. There are of course the routine expenses. February is an expensive as well as an exciting month. We do well to remember though that the fees and levies which the schools seek are always set at a minimum. They are set by the teachers, the majority of whom are parents themselves—know only too well the importance of keeping the costs down.

It seems reasonable to think that here in Altona our secondary schools are as well known to find in any metropolitan area. All of us as we could expect to We should aim to keep it so and as a community be well satisfied with the secondary education provided.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

As these lines are written it seems difficult to limit the extent of each subject. Indeed, each aspect alone could more than fill the space available.

One of the hardest things probably is to keep "in touch" with each emerging generation. This is as true now as it was in the time of Shakespeare. It may best be summed up in the idea of "keeping young." Not that we want to be "eternal teenagers," but we can try to prevent our minds becoming too inflexible. We can then share something of the excitement and interest of the secondary school experience. We are then in a better position to be able to share the benefit of our experience when and where it is needed.

In H. G. Wells' "Outline of History" the writer says: "Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe." How true this is today! In any field we care to consider the importance of education cannot be too heavily stressed. How much use our children make of their opportunities, largely depends on us. Surely this is a rather precious part of our responsibilities as parent.

Because of the rich diversity of mankind, not all of us will be successful in all the things we try to do. We can do much though to ensure that our children make the most use of their individual talents. This they can do by learning to live today as they will in the future, by applying all their energies intelligently to the task at hand and by accepting confidently and gladly the challenges with which living confronts us.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Now that the excitement and merrymaking of the Christmas and New Year holidays has passed, civic and sporting authorities are turning their attention to preparation for the celebrations of Australia Day, Friday, January 26.

Most of the official celebrations, such as the public flag raising ceremonies and the official luncheon, which is to be in the Melbourne Town Hall, will take place on that day, but the main sporting events, carnivals and other outdoor attractions will be held on the associated public holiday, Monday, January 29.

There will be special church services on Australia Sunday, January 28, and many sporting events on the intervening Saturday. It is earnestly requested by the Australia Day Council, which sponsors the celebrations, that flags be flown in all parts of Victoria throughout the whole holiday period.

In response to the appeal sent out by the Australia Day Council to all municipal leaders in November for the help and co-operation of their councils in national celebrations, the majority of the State's mayors and shire presidents have promised their support, mainly in the form of flag-raising ceremonies, the flying of flags, and naturalisation ceremonies. Some have promised more than that, but a few have left it to outside bodies to take the responsibility of organising the celebrations.

It is obvious, of course, that in some of the remote shires where population is scattered and in many cases far from centres of population, public celebrations are out of the question. On the other hand the Australia Day Council feels disappointed at the lack of enthusiasm displayed by a number of municipal councils where the commemoration of Australia's national day is concerned.

One of the most picturesque of the many ceremonies held in Melbourne for the commemoration of Australia Day each year is the Women's Australia Day Ceremony at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens in the King's Domain, on the north side of the Botanic Gardens.

The ceremony this year will be held at 3.15 p.m. on Australia Day, Friday, 26th January, with Lady Delacombe, wife of the Governor of Victoria as chief guest. Mrs. R. R. Gordon, President of the National Council of Women, will deliver the occasional address.

The Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens, located among the trees and lawns of the Domain, about 500 yards east of the Myer Music Bowl, form one of Melbourne's unique beauty spots. Though the ceremony essentially is one for women, the convenors—the Australia Day Council and the National Council of Women—extend a cordial invitation to women "and their friends" to attend.

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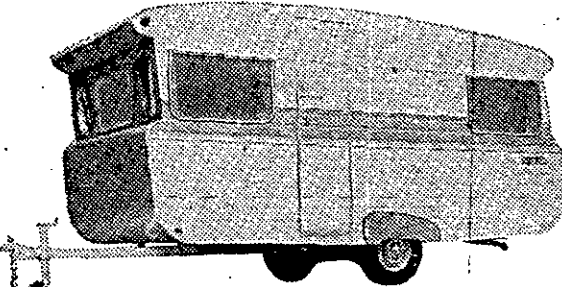
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J's.P. Roll Should be Checked

More justices of the peace are available in suburbs like Toorak and Malvern than in the industrial suburbs and what is worse are still being appointed in these areas, said Mr. W. L. Floyd, MLA, in the Legislative Assembly.

He made a number of remarks on the subject and said: "For many years, I have discussed the question of justices of the peace. The newer honorable members will know that members of the Legislative Assembly can nominate a worthy person for appointment as justice of the peace."

"However, if he did not wish a certain person to be appointed, he could protest and I have no doubt that his objection would be upheld."

"Over the years the position concerning justices of the peace has been chaotic. To a large extent the government has corrected the situation. I recall the days when justices of the peace were required to sign postal votes, and it was well-known that in some suburbs many justices of the peace were appointed and they virtually followed the postman around to influence the people requiring postal votes in the way they should cast their vote. Now any person over 21 years of age can witness a postal vote, and there is no necessity to obtain the services of a justice of the peace for this purpose."

The Minister of Transport will agree that for years I have advocated that the roll of justices of the peace should be brought up to date, and now this has been done. A perusal of this roll would indicate that there must be more criminals in some of the more 'posh' suburbs because there are more justices of the peace appointed in suburbs like Toorak and Malvern

than in the industrial areas. "What is worse, they are still being appointed. If I wish to have a justice appointed in my electorate, I must almost go through the third degree. I could almost guarantee that one-half of the justices of the peace in the Malvern and Toorak districts have never sat on the bench and have never bailed anyone."

"However, I do not wish to get into any arguments. If my figures are disputed, I can cite statistics because I know how many justices of the peace are appointed in the various suburbs."

"It is fair enough that the government has now allowed the wastage to balance out the appointments in suburbs where there are too many justices. No justice of the peace should be appointed for business purposes in any suburb other than that in which he lives without the member of parliament for the electorate being consulted."

"I do not wish to be too critical because the government has done an excellent job in the provision of a roll of justices. When I was first provided with an early roll, I found that half of the people listed had passed on; there was no record of justices who had changed their addresses, or who had moved from a particular area."

"In association with the present Attorney-General, the Minister of Transport has done a fine job, and there is now an excellent roll of justices."

"It is one of the faults of Opposition that it criticises improvements and I hope the Attorney-General will bear with me if I do just that. If there is to be a strict rationing of justices of the peace in a particular area, we cannot afford to have a person appointed in a

specific area because of his business interests, when he lives in another area."

"I could cite two or three cases when this has happened. I have never been one to advocate the appointment of a justice of the peace in another cause I know that, if he lives in my area, he will curtail my right to have someone else appointed—he might live next door to a suburb for business purposes be-

to the person I want appointed."

"I am pleased that the Attorney-General has indicated that he will take up this matter. It has been suggested, Mr. Speaker, that as one who has been a member of parliament for some time, I might curtail my remarks at this stage so that my elected member can participate in the debate. I concede to this request."

PEOPLE USE CARS INSTEAD OF TRAIN

"It is amazing to me that the Altona train has not been taken for use in a Western film," said Cr. A. W. Knight, MLC, in the Legislative Council when speaking during the debate on the Railway Loan Application Bill.

The Americans have missed out badly in this regard, added Cr. Knight.

He also is amazed that this "antiquated piece of equipment" is still being used by the Railway Department.

The train which runs between Altona and Newport and is more commonly known locally as the "wagon train," has battered windows, seats and everything else, said Cr. Knight.

Not the most modern carriages but even the old red ones with sliding doors would fill the need on this line, suggested Cr. Knight.

Mr. Knight continued: "The government has seen fit not to proceed with expansion into the Westons area. I suggest that the government should heed the warnings of people from the

area and do something to help the people living there. The transport services to that area are very poor. The buses are most inadequate."

"The result of inadequate public transport is that people are becoming used to travelling by car, but I do not know how mothers and children manage if they want to go to the city in the day time. They have to wait for buses, often in inclement weather, to be brought three or four miles into Altona."

"The line to Westons could probably be straightened out, and I ask the government to do something about this line instead of looking after the more fashionable suburbs. Those are the remarks I wanted to make, and I hope the government takes heed of them."

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Altona North High Presentation Night

The annual Presentation Night of the Altona North High School was held in the Refinery Hall on December 12. While the evening was in all points a practical success behind it all was the shadow caused by the untimely death of the school leader Mr. Richard McGill.

Guest Speaker, Dr. Richard Selleck, senior lecturer in Education at the University of Melbourne, made a noteworthy contribution to the evening.

Annual reports were presented by the Headmistress, Miss H. Price, and Mr. D. Nancarrow, president of the Advisory Council.

HEADMISTRESS REPORTS

Miss Price announced that the school has again been granted full matriculation for 1968. However this depends on a sufficient number of students passing the Leaving Certificate examination at the end of last year.

She also commented that: "Once again it is deeply felt that a number of students are hampered by language difficulties, but that many others are unaware of the need for continued organised home study and reading during the first two terms of the year. Failure, therefore is seldom considered to be an indication of lack of intelligence. Far more frequently it denotes a superficial attitude to school work and self-satisfaction."

It is noteworthy that the ablest senior students possess humility and a regard for the effort of the teacher, whereas the least capable pupils are frequently selfish and set out to put the greatest possible difficulties in the path of the teacher.

In Form IV in 1968 there will no longer be mention of Intermediate Certificate Subject passes. It will become merely a fourth year examination, which indicates that employers offer very few openings to those boys or girls who leave school without a pass in Leaving Certificate subjects."

GERMAN LANGUAGE INTRODUCED

There will be at least six forms I, of which two desire to study French and the remaining four, German.

The decision to offer German as an alternative to French arose from an analysis of homes in which both parents spoke a language other than English.

Although there are large numbers of Italian, Greek or Maltese parents, the pattern of continuity of schooling presents a far stronger case for the introduction of German, for central and northern European groups are more strongly represented at Intermediate and Leaving level. Neighbouring primary Headmasters encouraged the idea.

Before the Director of Secondary Education would sanction the introduction of an alternative language, we had to guarantee its continuity to Matriculation level.

We may also introduce one form of German at Form III level, if there is sufficient interest, as this may help with the language problem in Form IV.

It is said that French is the language of Diplomacy. English is the language of Business and German is the language of Trade and Industry.

LIBRARY

During this year a great transformation has been made possible. Owing to the lack of a fully trained and full time librarian, stocks had become seriously depleted. When the late Mr. McGill secured the services of Mrs. K. Mitchell for this position, it became profitable to renew the library.

We must record our delight at the tactical moves made to assist this appointment. Mr. W. Russell, Assistant Director of Secondary Education sent two wires to make Mrs. Mitchell aware of our urgent need. Mr. McGill further convinced her of this and the Mothers' Club, falling under the spell of her enthusiasm, immediately donated \$200.00 to the library.

Husbands in the Parents and Citizens' Association were so responsive to their wives' plea that they also, without invitation, donated \$200 to the same cause.

The Education Department, also sent a grant of 60 cents per pupil, \$511.20 to the school.

Our accounts still exceed the \$900.20 and justify charging a library fee in 1968, but no increase is considered.

It is most encouraging to see the fine work achieved by Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Churgiel and pu-

pils in cataloguing and setting up new fiction and subject libraries, especially at Matriculation level.

EQUIPMENT

A great deal of new equipment has been obtained during 1967. An electronic organ, a welding machine, a Fordigraf Duplicating machine, two new typewriters, two new sewing machines, two adding machines, an electronic one for the office and a manual one for the bookstore, also some musical instruments.

A number of framed prints have been obtained for future display in corridors. As these areas have tended to be rather culturally barren, it is planned to enrich them by adding further to the present purchases. A number of small low-powered heaters have been purchased for annexes which do not share the benefit of the general heating system.

WE OWE A DEBT

The school owes much to the activities of parents and others associated with the organisations of the school said Miss Price.

These are the Advisory Council, Parents and Citizens group, Mothers' Club and canteen workers, all of whom over the years have each in their own way greatly assisted the school.

AWARDS

TOP STUDENT IN EACH CLASS

- 1A: Carol McDowell.
- 1B: Annegret Ackermann.
- 1C: Sandra Hatzis.
- 1D: Sharon Stovell.
- 1E: Geoffrey Dutton.
- 1F: Angela Saroni.
- 2A: Veronica Kochan.
- 2B: Christine Thompson.
- 2C: Margaret Bull.
- 2D: Yolka Kizan.
- 2E: Marjeta Jenc.
- 2F: William Mesarec.
- 3A: Margaret Darling.
- 3B: William Peter.
- 3C: Gina Camilleri.
- 3D: Julie Paire.
- 3E: Dominec Marasea.
- 4A: Thomas Heller and Adele Stachiv.
- 4B: Geoffrey McLaren.
- 4C: Lynette Box.
- 4D: Lorna Demedenko.

SUBJECT PRIZES

Maths/Science Award: Gary Jackson. Commercial Award: Mina Puopolo. Humanities Award: Iris Zilveris. Shell Book Prize: Janice Powe. Science Award: Sharon Welgus. Domestic Science Award: Juanita Platten. Art Prize: Lesley Odgers. Citizenship Awards: Barry Bolger and Lesley Barnard. Dux of School: Gary Jackson.

SPORTS REPORT

A clean sweep in the girls' volleyball penants and a Victorian Schoolgirls' high jump record were among the sporting highlights of Altona North High School during 1967.

Both the senior and juniors girls' volleyball teams played off in the finals against the best school in the Northern Section of the Western Division. The senior girls defeated Sunshine High, while the junior girls defeated Maribyrnong High.

These two victories were due in part to the efforts of Mr. Malakunas and Miss Orr, who put a lot of time into training.

ATHLETICS

The inter-school athletic carnival was held at Olympic Park on October 10. Altona North finished third in the overall aggregate but won the senior shield. This was due in part to the outstanding effort made by Julie Robertson, who competed in five events, plus a relay and won all her individual events. In doing so she created two new records. The events included open 100 yards, 80 metres hurdles, long jump, 17ft. 2in. (a record), 220 yards, high jump 5ft. 3in. (record).

One week later on October 14, and the All-High Carnival was held and Altona North had 12 competitors competing in 25 events, representing the Western

Division team. Here the best performances were by Eileen Hendry, who won the girls' under-13 long jump (14ft. 4in.); Rhonda Olcorn, Karen Honeyman, Julie Robertson, who won their high jump events. Rhonda equalled Julie's under-14 high jump record of 4ft. 9in., and Julie herself created a new open record of 5ft. 3in.

David Holdsworth ran third in the mile, but officially second and also ran a personal best time of 4:20.1, an excellent performance by any schoolboy.

On Saturday, October 28, the Victorian Schoolgirls' Championships were held at Royal Park

West. Her again 15 girls competed. The highlight of this meeting was a Victorian Schoolgirls' high jump record which Julie Robertson equalled at 5ft. 4in. This was an amazing effort when one considers that Julie stands at only 5ft. 2in.

With the pressure of the previous two athletic carnivals the girls started to feel the strain of solid competition and were a little below their best during the championships.

Also four boys competed in the All-Schools. Here again David Holdsworth ran well while Robert Svorinich, Barry Bolger, and John Hicks did very well.

HOUSE COMPETITION

Inter-house sport this year was on a very competitive basis with the Corinthian House winning the overall aggregate shield by defeating Spartans by 30 points.

Memorial to Mr. Richard McGill

To permanently record the memory of their late Head Master the new Assembly Hall at Altona North High School is to be called "The Richard McGill Memorial Hall."

This decision was announced by Mr. D. Nancarrow, president of the Advisory Council, at the annual Presentation Night.

He said: "The school has made much progress over the years but this year suffered a great loss in the passing away of our late Head Master, Mr. McGill."

It was this Advisory Council's privilege and honour to be associated with such a fine and generous man, assisting him where possible in the organisation of the school.

"Mr. McGill had to be Headmaster of two new schools simultaneously — Braybrook High School and Altona North High School. This meant a tremendous output of thought and energy which would have been an overwhelming task if it were just for one school, but for two, it was a superhuman feat."

He had to create this school out of nothing — temporary accommodation had to be planned and arranged, parents' clubs formed and a uniform and badge designed.

By August of this year, he had seen the school through the worst of its teething troubles and established it.

We have to take it on to the next stage. But we have behind us eight years of solid building.

eight years of difficulties and frustrations. The quality of that effort will never be lost and we want to remember the cost, especially to Mr. McGill.

This is why, after discussing that memorial and that, including the vast number of trees which he planted himself, we decided that we want a Richard McGill Memorial Hall.

The Advisory Council has selected a suitable type Assembly Hall. It is one of several standard types designed by the Government. The hall will seat a minimum of 800. It will have a floor area of 7,000 sq. ft., and will be of a brick veneer type construction.

Cost of the project will be approximately \$105,000, of which a subsidy of \$72,000 will be paid by the Government. As you are no doubt aware a building fund has been in progress since the opening of the school. Accumulated profits are now in excess of \$13,000. To raise the balance of the school's share of the cost of the Assembly Hall a Co-operative Society will be formed. It is expected that the Hall will be in use in 1969.

WORKING MEN'S CLUB ASSOCIATES

The first meeting of the Altona Working Men's Club Associates in 1968 will take place on Monday, 22nd January, at 7.45 p.m. at the Club-house.

This will be a "Slide Night" and if you have any slides you would like us all to see, please bring them along, as the more variety there is, the greater the entertainment.

As previously reported, as a social function and a fund raising effort, a Progressive Luncheon is being arranged to take place in February.

The actual date will be Tuesday, 20th February, and the cost will be \$1.25 for a four-course luncheon. Each course will be supplied by a different hostess at her home.

Details as to the rendezvous and times will be given at our January meeting. Think about it, and if you can, do come along, as you will be assured of delicious tempting food and plenty of good fun.

C.R.B. WORK ON GEELONG-RD.

The Country Roads Board has provided a summary of important works recently completed and places where work is in progress on highways and main roads throughout Victoria.

Along Princes Highway West (Geelong Road) in the metropolitan area, the new six lane dual carriageway section in Footscray will be completed with channelised intersections at Millers road and MacDonadl road.

The interchange at the Point Cook Road is now grade separated with the completion of the overpass.

In the township of Werribee the old steel and timber bridge has been widened, and new approaches provided.

In Geelong the Barwon River bridge has been widened to provide four traffic lanes.

Work is in progress adjacent to the highway where it is intersected by Kororoit Creek Rd.

Kororoit Creek Road has been deviated temporarily to allow the main embankment of the new grade separation bridge to be constructed.

At the other end of Kororoit Creek Road, channelisation work crossing has been completed and at the North Williamstown level is open to traffic.

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V.D.A. NEWS AND FIXTURES

During A.N.A. Weekend, Sunday and Monday, January 28 and 29, three new competitions are being launched by the Victorian Darts Association.

The premier team of each League will play off in a Round Robin. Two premiership points shall be awarded for each match won. The team with the most premiership points shall be declared the Victorian premiers.

Teams to play off are—
HOSPITALS LEAGUE: Royal Children's Hospital;
MELBOURNE: Royal Hotel;
METROPOLITAN: North Fitzroy Arms Hotel;
MOUNTAIN: Commodore Hotel No. 1 Team; and
WESTERN SUBURBS: Bristol Hotel.

SINGLES CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The singles champion of each League will play off in a Round Robin.

A game will consist of 501 up, straight start, double finish, best of five legs. One point will be awarded for each game won. The player with the most points shall be declared the Victorian Singles Champion of Champions.

DOUBLES CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The doubles champions of each League will play off in a Round Robin.

A game will consist of 601 up, straight start, double finish, best of five legs. One point will be awarded for each game won. The pair with the most points shall be declared the Victorian Doubles Champions of Champions.

The venue for these events will be the Altona Working Men's Club, 1 Altona-rd., Seaholme.

The program for the weekend is—

SUNDAY, JAN. 28: Victorian Premiers' Round Robin, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., lunch 12 noon to 1 p.m.
MONDAY, JAN. 29: Play remaining games of Victorian Premiers' Round Robin, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., lunch 12 noon to 1 p.m.

At 1 p.m. the Singles and Doubles Champion of Champions events commence.

The above stated times could vary—depending on the amount of time it takes to play the Premiers' Round Robin.

Ladies are welcome to come along and watch the matches.

ANY LADIES FOR A GAME OF DARTS?

If so, join the first Ladies Darts League ever to be formed, in Victoria.

"Blondie" (Gwen) Anderson, of I.C.I. Club, is Madame President.

Marion McQuillan, also of I.C.I., is Secretary; and Mrs. Jean Reid, of the Brunswick Beauties(?) is Treasurer.

The "girls" have made a good start, already they have been promised two trophies and several donations.

Take warning, fellas—keep clear of these shemales—they know of more money raising ideas than we have ever heard of!!!

The "vital statistics" of the League are—

Joining Fee: 50; Annual Subscription: \$1.50, including the League badge; Team Nomination Fee: \$5; Player's Match Fee: 20c per selected player per week; Size of Team: Six.

A general meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25, at the Sportsmen's Club, first floor, Champion House, 57 Swanton-st., Melbourne, at 8 p.m., and a cordial invitation is extended to one or two delegates from each interested club.

The playing season will commence in March.

Interested persons can obtain more information by contacting Marion McQuillan, either by a letter to 28 Irvine-st., Deer Park, or ring 393-1328 (home) or else 62-4176 during 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

FIFTH VICTORIAN STATE TITLES

Once again, during the Queens' Birthday Weekend, the 1968 Victorian State Championships will be conducted at the Altona Working Men's Club.

Entries close on May 1, 1968. This will then give plenty of time to prepare the official program.

Remember, an entry will not be accepted unless accompanied by an entry fee, which is \$1 per player per event.

1968 V.D.A. FIXTURES

TUESDAY, JAN. 23: Council Meeting, 8 p.m., Sportsmen's Club (S.C.); SUNDAY, JAN. 28: Victorian Premiers, 10 a.m., Altona Working Men's Club (A.W.M.C.); MONDAY, JAN. 29: Singles and Doubles Championships of Champions, 10 a.m., A.W.M.C.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13: Council Meeting, 8 p.m., S.C.; WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21: State Team Practice, 8 p.m., S.C.; WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28: State Team Practice, 8 p.m., S.C.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: The 1968 Melbourne Cup, first round, 8 p.m., Western Suburbs v. Mountain League, at A.W.M.C. Metropolitan v. Melbourne, at East Brunswick.; SUNDAY, MARCH 10: 1968 State Fours Championships, 10 a.m., at Mildura; TUESDAY, MARCH 12: Council Meeting, 8 p.m., S.C.; WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13: State Team Practice, 8 p.m., S.C.; State Team Practice, 8 p.m., S.C.; WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27: State Team Practice, 8 p.m., S.C.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3: The 1968 Melbourne Cup, second round, 8 p.m., Mountain v. Metropolitan, at Wheelers Hill. Hospitals v. Melbourne, at S.C.; TUESDAY, APRIL 9: Council Meeting, 8 p.m., S.C.; WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10: Presentation of Blazers, etc., to the State Team, 8 p.m., S.C.; FRIDAY to MONDAY, APRIL 12 to 15: Fifth Australasian Championships, at Perth, Western Australia.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1: 1968 Melbourne Cup, third round, 8 p.m., Hospitals v. Mountain, at S.C. Metropolitan v. Western Suburbs, at East Brunswick; TUESDAY, MAY 14: Council Meeting, 8 p.m., S.C.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5: 1968 Melbourne Cup, fourth round, 8 p.m., Hospitals v. Metropolitan, at S.C. Western Suburbs v. Melbourne, at A.W.M.C.; SATURDAY, JUNE 8: 1968 State Singles Championships, 10 a.m., at the A.W.M.C.; SUNDAY, JUNE 9: 1968 State Teams Championships at 10 a.m., A.W.M.C.; MONDAY, JUNE 10: 1968 State Doubles Championships, 10 a.m., at the A.W.M.C. N.B.: Closing date for entries for all events is May 1. TUESDAY, JUNE 11: Council Meeting, 8 p.m., S.C.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3: 1968 Melbourne Cup, fifth round, 8 p.m., Hospitals v. Western Suburbs, at S.C. Melbourne v. Mountain, at East Brunswick.; TUESDAY, JULY 9: Council Meeting, 8 p.m., S.C.; SUNDAY,

JULY 21: Fifth Annual General Meeting, 10 a.m., at the S.C. SATURDAY, AUG. 3: the 1968 Melbourne Cup, sixth round, 8 p.m., Sunraysia v. Metropolitan, Mildura; TUESDAY, AUG. 13: Council Meeting, 8 p.m., at S.C.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4: 1969 State Team Round Robin, first round, 8 p.m., at Wheelers Hill. Melbourne v. Metropolitan, at the S.C.; TUESDAY, SEPT. 10: Council Meeting, 8 p.m., at S.C.; WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11: 1969 State Team Round Robin, second round, 8 p.m., Metropolitan v. Mountain, at East Brunswick. Hospitals v. Melbourne, at S.C. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18: 1968 State Team Round Robin, third round, 8 p.m., Western Suburbs v. Metropolitan, at A.W.M.C. Hospitals v. Mountain, at S.C. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25: 1969 State Team Round Robin, fourth round, 8 p.m., Metropolitan v. Hospitals, at East Brunswick. Melbourne v. Western Suburbs, at S.C.; SATURDAY, SEPT. 28: 1968 Melbourne Cup, seventh round, 8 p.m., Sunraysia v. the Western Suburbs, at Mildura.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2: 1969 State Team Round Robin, fifth round, 8 p.m., Western Suburbs v. Hospitals, at A.W.M.C. Mountain v. Melbourne, at Wheelers Hill. TUESDAY, OCT. 8: Council Meeting, 8 p.m., at the S.C. SATURDAY, OCT. 12: 1968 Melbourne Cup, eighth round, 8 p.m., Sunraysia v. Mountain, at Mildura. SATURDAY, OCT. 19: 1969 State Team Round Robin, sixth round, 10 a.m., Western Suburbs and Hospitals v. Sunraysia, at A.W.M.C. SUNDAY, OCT. 20: 1969 State Team Round Robin, seventh round, 10 a.m., Mountain, Metropolitan and Melbourne v. Sunraysia, at A.W.M.C. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30: State Team Practice, 8 p.m., at S.C.

SATURDAY, NOV. 2: The 1969 Ladies State Singles and Fours Championships, 10 a.m., at the A.W.M.C. SUNDAY, NOV. 3: 1969 Ladies State Doubles and Teams Championships, 10 a.m., at A.W.M.C. WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6: State Team Practice, 8 p.m., at the S.C. TUESDAY, NOV. 12: Council Meeting, 8 p.m., at the S.C. WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13, 20 and 27: State Team Practices, 8 p.m., at the S.C.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10: Council Meeting, 8 p.m., at the S.C. SATURDAY, DEC. 14: 1968 Melbourne Cup, ninth and tenth rounds, Melbourne v. Sunraysia, 1 p.m., at East Brunswick. Hospitals v. Sunraysia, at 8 p.m., at East Brunswick.



WHAT'S BITING?

The Altona Pier has proved a popular and rewarding fishing spot for anglers.

Big flathead and an occasional snapper are being taken quite regularly by both young and old fishermen.

John Nichols and Bob Dare landed an 11½lb. snapper on the Pier at 1-30 a.m. on December 27.

Plenty of big snapper are still being caught out past the blinker up to 15lb.

Good catches of whiting have been consistently reported taken on the grassbeds on the western part of Altona Bay.

The leader in the competition for the largest flathead is Michael Jacometti, of 365 the Esplanade, who weighed in a 2½lb. flathead caught from the Altona Pier on January 8.

Barry Hynds also caught a nice flathead weighing 1½lb.

Quite a few flathead around the 2lb. mark have been weighed in, mainly caught off the Altona Pier.

The prize for this competition is 500 yards of nylon line, donated by Ken Kim.

All fish must be weighed in at Ken Kim's Sports Store, Pier-st., to be eligible to win this prize.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A special general meeting of the Western Suburbs Darts Association will be held at the Altona R.S.L. on Tuesday, January 30, 1968, commencing at 8 p.m. to which all members are urged to attend.

Business of the meeting will be the discussion and adoption of playing rules for the next three years.

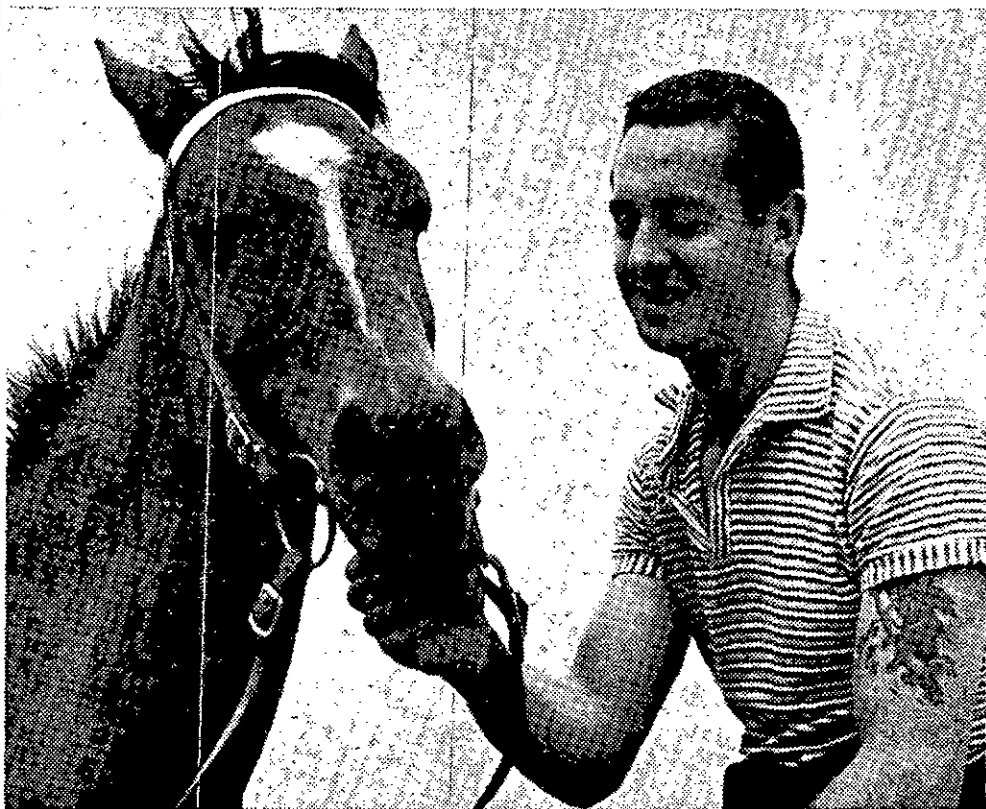
Cr. KNIGHT PLEAS FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL

A plea for the early establishment of the special school at the corner of Mills-st. and Ross-rd., Altona North, was made by Cr. A. W. Knight, MLC, in the Legislative Council before Christmas.

He pointed out that the land in the surrounding areas of Altona, Williamstown, Footscray, the Department on which to Yarraville, Spotswood and Newport, would be grateful.

Cr. Knight said the need is urgent and, if the school is established quickly, the people 1968, added Cr. Knight.

A YOUTH AND HIS HORSE



After an early morning ride along the sands of Altona beach, Lyndsay Bannister of David Street, Altona, smiles with pleasure as he sits on the sea wall and rests his horse, Jezebel.

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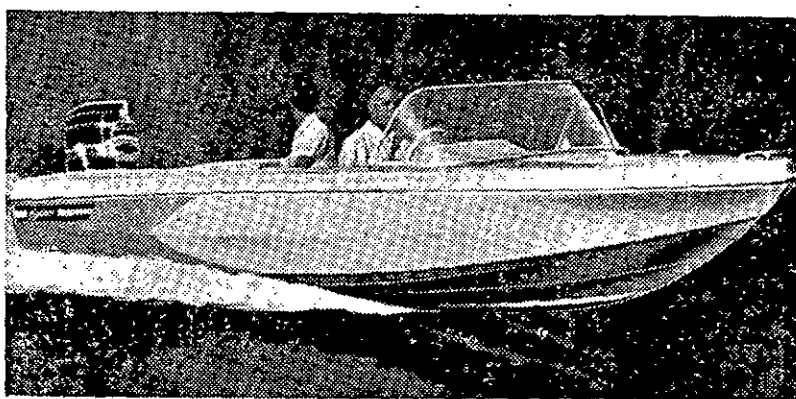
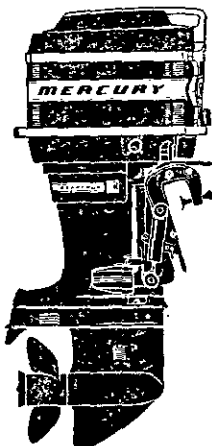
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The Groop Have Left For Britain

Melbourne's newest and most elegant discotheque, "Bertie's," was packed to capacity last Saturday night for the occasion of the Groop's last Australian appearance before their trip to Britain and Europe.

The Groop left Melbourne for Britain by sea on Sunday as their prize for winning last year's "Battle of the Sounds" at Festival Hall.

With them went "Go-Set" reporter and star of the "Upright" television series Ian Meldrum, Ian, who has been a long time fan of The Groop, will no doubt interview as many overseas pop artists as he can during the trip.

From the very moment that the boys stepped on stage on Saturday night they looked absolutely determined to put on their best show ever in order to give their fans something to remember them by while they are overseas.

The first bracket they sang comprised all original numbers including many from their LP.

They also sang "Lovin' Tree," their new single which should be released in Melbourne in two weeks time.

Amongst the audience on Saturday night was Twilight, Paddy McCartney, whose head was spinning when he left the dance floor. Paddy had the misfortune to be standing right in front of a speaker when the Groop decided to turn the volume full on.

All five members of the Groop sing and so one has little trouble hearing them at any time.

A round of applause followed each number they sang at Bertie's and cheer leader for the night was none other than Ian Meldrum.

Several hours earlier the Groop and Ian Meldrum had been featured in ATV-0's Saturday morning television show, "Upright."

Current and previous hits were aired and the boys were all interviewed.

Lead singer of the Groop is

20-year-old Ronnie Charles (real name, Charlie Boronio), who originally sang for a group called the Jackson Kings until they split up. I believe Ronnie also sang for Somebodies Image for a short time.

Another former member of the Jackson Kings is organist Brian Caine, who composes most of the Groop's material with bass guitarist, Max Ross.

At 22 Max is one of the original members of the Groop and one of the most accomplished musicians in Australia. He has written songs for Ronnie Burns, Jon Blanchfield and other artists.

Drummer Richard Wright was one of the founders of the Groop and he helped Brian write "Woman You're Breaking Me."

Don Mudie is the lead guitarist for the Groop. He originally joined as lead singer after playing in various Victorian country groups.

Manager of these bright young musos is Peter McKenna, who has big plans for the boys.

In Britain every member of the Groop will concentrate on writing original material for recording.

I'm sure you will join with me in wishing this top Melbourne group the best of luck during their tour of Britain and Europe.

GOSSIP

Apparently Winnie the Pooh has earned the title of Altona's "Phantom Sideswiper."

Terry has acquired a Custom-line complete with stereophonic radio for the sum of \$50. He took the same for track trials over at the Pines last week and felt like trading it in on a Dodge.

Vytas, the big surfer, was seen at Bertie's discotheque last Saturday night. Apparently he has been living it up with the boys at Ocean Grove lately.

Gilly, from Maidstone, will be fighting at Festival Hall soon. And I believe that certain gymnasiums are attracting many recruits from Altona. Peter from Laverton had better join a school quick and get himself in shape fast.

Has Lord Larry bought a new car, or was it borrowed?

The Crabman's crab has turned psychedelic.

Johnny A. has had a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Whatever happened to the group called "Lama's Concept," David?

"Maharishi" Wallace would rather be a bum than a Bhuddist.

No doubt the Seagulls are lost without their Sunday night dance at "Bus Stop," Werribee.

When asked if he had his cricket gear with him at Torquay recently, Johnny Angel replied: "We left the BATS in Altona."

NEXT WEEK

Don't miss this page next week for an exciting feature on Altona pop group the Devil's Disciples.

COMPETITION WINNERS

Winner of a double pass to the Drive-in at Brooklyn is Janet Scott, Blyth-st., Altona.

Janet correctly named Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh, Leslie Howard and Olivia de Havilland as stars of the film "Gone With The Wind."

Runner-up was Kenny Smith, who will receive two free passes to "Wild Side," the Yarraville Dance.

Victorian Slot Car Finals

The Altona finals of the Victorian Junior Slot Car Championship will take place at the Altona Mini Raceway on Sunday, January 21, at 8 p.m.

Six heat winners will race for a specified time in order to determine who is Altona's champion slot car driver.

The Altona champion will represent Altona at the Victorian finals at Exhibition Buildings on February 26, at 8 p.m.

The Victorian finals will be held in conjunction with the Hot Rod Show and anybody who wishes to watch the slot car champs in action will be promised an interesting night.

THE POP SCENE

British group the Foundations consists of members from Jamaica, Ceylon and Britain.

Besides their record "Babylon Now That I've Found You," this group wrote Long John Baldry's current hit "Let The Heartaches Begin."

The Foundations' ages range from 18 to 39.

British singer Englebert Humperdinck had the top three hits in his country for 1967.

The Groop's record "Woman, You're Breakin' Me," was released in Britain last week.

Despite the fact that Eric Clapton has been voted a better guitarist than Hendrix most Melbourne musicians prefer the Hendrix sound.

Beatle George Harrison is writing the musical score for a British film.

Adelaide group the Masters' Apprentices are in a bit of a mess at the moment. They are two members short.

The Twilights will release a new single next month.

One of the ugliest looking groups in the world is John Mayall and the Bluesbreakers. But don't be deceived by their looks, they are one of the best blues groups in Britain at the moment.

Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor have opened a fashion boutique.

Among the ranks of entertainers who are against the war in Vietnam and President Johnson are Robert Ryan, Dick Van Dyke, Robert Vaughn, Janice Rule, Carl Reiner, Steve Allen and Tony Randall. No doubt people in the entertainment world would feel the tax burden to its full extent.

World famous modern jazz group, the Dave Brubeck Quartet, has broken up.

Mia is back with Frank.

A GROUP CALLED "THE CAMPACT"

A group called The Campact is rapidly forging its way ahead on the Melbourne pop scene.

The five members of this band are Keith Glass (20), Mark Barnes (17), Chris Stockley (19), Bob Lloyd (21) and Greg Cook (19).

Managed by David Flint, the proprietor of the Thumping Tum, discotheque, these boys have the following dislikes—

Keith—Intolerant, bigoted hypocritical people.

Mark—Art nouveau, intolerant people, fat girls.

Chris—Capitalists.

Bob—Incompetent musicians, insincere people.

Greg—No strong dislikes.

Their views on girls are—

Keith—"They can make life interesting or dull."

Mark—"They are honest, sincere, intelligent and beautiful."

Chris—"They are very feminine."

Bob—"I like intelligent girls who can be talked to seriously."

Greg—"Take them or leave them."

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CRICKET REPORT

A GRADE TURF

At Grant Reserve last Saturday John Cooney won the toss for Altona and sent West Newport in to bat on what appeared to be a lively wicket.

Bob Dare and John Duncan opened the bowling for Altona to the West openers Bill Schutt and Laurie Carmichael. Altona's opening bowlers, bowling far below their true form, allowed Schutt and Carmichael to get right on top with an opening partnership of 55 runs. Schutt, batting well, contributed 32 before being caught off Dare, who was now bowling leg spinners.

Dare bowled well to collect three wickets in his next two overs and put Altona back in the game with the score at 4/65.

A mix up between two fieldsmen going for a catch was a costly miss for Altona as Ray Curwood went on to make 58 of West Newport's total of 142.

Terry Gray bowled into the wind and was Altona's best bowler, taking 6/38 from 13 overs.

Altona's innings opened with Cooney and Frank Thomas to Bob Irving and Curwood, who bowled throughout the innings.

Irving took 6/23 with well controlled bowling and was ably supported by Curwood, taking 3/14.

There was nothing to commend Altona's miserable batting failure being all out for 37.

West sent Altona in to bat going for an outright, but the days play finished with Altona's score at 2/49 and West Newport won on the first innings.

WEST NEWPORT-1st Innings:
SCHUTT, c. b Dare 32
CARMICHAEL, std., b Gray 20
BRAY, b Dare 0
G. IRVING, b Dare 0
CURWOOD, c. b Dare 58
MAGEE, c. b Gray 4
CHRISTAKAKIS, c. b Gray 8
R. IRVING, lbw, b Gray 0
HOWLETT, b Gray 0
TURNER, not out 5
GERRITY, b Gray 6
Sundries 9

TOTAL: 142
BOWLING: T. Gray 6/38, R. Dare 4/51.

ALTONA-1st Innings:
COONEY, b R. Irving 6
THOMAS, run out 7
MCLEOD, c. b R. Irving 5
DOUGLAS, c. b R. Irving 2
HOSKEN, c. b Curwood 0
BIBBY, c. b R. Irving 7
DARE, b Curwood 7
DELLAR, b Curwood 1
GRAY, not out 1
DUNCAN, b R. Irving 1
REID, b R. Irving 0
Sundries 0

TOTAL: 37
BOWLING: R. Irving 6/23, R. Curwood 3/14.

ALTONA-2nd Innings:
COONEY, c. b Magee 13
THOMAS, b Magee 14
MCLEOD, not out 7
DOUGLAS, not out 15
Sundries 0

TOTAL: Two wickets for 49
BOWLING: S. Magee 2/15, R. Curwood 0/7, R. Irving 0/11.

ALTONA SOCIAL REPORT

Altona Cricket Club has another special effort for the beginning of the new year. This time the effort is to be directed towards the wickets.

The president, Frank Kirk, reminds all that a considerable amount of money has been spent on the melthoid wickets project, but these wickets will not be of use to the club until the laying of the top surface is completed. The wickets are now ready for this final melthoid layer and on Saturday and Sunday all members are asked to come along to a special working bee. Details are on the club notice board or available from Frank Kirk and Ron McCullagh.

Regular watering of the turf wickets is another job that must be carried out. These wickets must be watered by hose each morning between 7 and 8 a.m., Tuesdays and Saturdays excepted.

If any member or members can carry out this most urgent task they are asked to contact Frank Kirk at once. The watering of these wickets is a club responsibility and not a council undertaking.

Bill Nichol, the junior coach, is putting in a great deal of time and effort coaching the junior Altona cricketers, but has expressed his disappointment in the lack of support he is receiving from club members and the parents of the boys.

These up and coming juniors are the potential cricketers of the Altona Cricket Club, so all should make a special effort to help Bill in the important and difficult task he has undertaken.

B GRADE TURF

Altona B Grade, in the one-day game against Newport Baseballers, found form to come home with full points against Newport Baseballers and cement a place in the final four.

Altona won the toss and elected to bat and found a hostile attack on an uneven wicket.

Jim Joyce, batting well, eventually cut loose to top score with a fine 47, ably supported by Rod Gray (19) and Michael Calaz (10).

Norm McGregor, of Baseballers, bowled intelligently and wrecked the Altona tail to have the innings ended at 110.

Baseballers, expecting to score easily, were shocked by Lance Cumming (5/3), making a welcome return to Altona cricket, and Frank Kiril (5/12), to be dismissed for their lowest score for many years.

Baseballers were forced to follow on and were in early trouble, but dropped catches gave Bill Higham three lives off Cumming.

Captain Kirk, ringing the changes in the cooler conditions, found wickets falling steadily with Rod Gray and Bob Harrison taking the honours in this innings, with the last wicket falling to Ron McCullagh.

Baseballers finished with 84, leaving Altona five to win outright, which Mike Calaz brought up with a neat drive over the mid-on fence.

This week's match at home is against Newport ANA and will again be a close fight with both teams anxious for premiership points.

ALTONA-1st Innings:
McCULLAGH, b Minnett 6
JOYCE, c. b McGregor 47
GRAY, b Minnett 19
MICHAEL, std., b Thomas 10
CRITCHLEY, c. b Sturrock 7
CUMMING, c. b McGregor 0
ORR, bw, b McGregor 0
KIRK, lbw, b McGregor 0
CALAZ, not out 10
MURPHY, run out 6
HARRISON, b McGregor 2
Sundries 3

TOTAL: 110
BOWLING: N. McGregor 5/14, W. Minnett 2/42, R. Thomas 1/15, D. Sturrock 1/36.

N'PORT BASEBALL-1st Inns.:
GIBSON, b Cumming 5
SIMPSON, b Cumming 0
HIGHAM, c. b Kirk 4
STURROCK, b Kirk 0
McGREGOR, c. b Kirk 0
GRUBB, c. b Cumming 5
THOMAS, b Cumming 5
BUNTING, b Kirk 5
MACKIE, not out 1
SMITH, b Kirk 0
MINETT, b Cumming 0
Sundries 5

TOTAL: 30
BOWLING: F. Kirk 5/12, L. Cumming 5/13.

N'PORT BASEBALL-2nd Inns.:
HIGHAM, b Michael 16
GRUBB, c. b Kirk 0
SIMPSON, lbw, b Harrison 25
STURROCK, c. b Gray 2
McGREGOR, b Gray 14
MACKIE, b Gray 0
THOMAS, b Harrison 1
GIBSON, c. b McCullagh 12
BUNTING, c. b Calaz 4
SMITH, b Harrison 0
MINETT, not out 1
Sundries 9

TOTAL: 84
BOWLING: R. Harrison 3/3, R. Gray 3/13, R. McCullagh 1/2, F. Kirk 1/7, M. Calaz 1/9, N. Michael 1/20.

ALTONA-2nd Innings:
JOYCE, b Thomas 0
CALAZ, not out 6
GRAY, not out 0
Sundries 0

TOTAL: One wicket for 6
BOWLING: R. Thomas 1/6.

A.J.S. SPECIAL EFFORT

Results of the A.J.S. Hamper Special Effort are as follows—
1st: A. Sibaei, No. 0169; 2nd: K. Fineke, No. 1205; 3rd: L. Horn, No. 2488.

In particular he needs assistance with transport, collection of gear, pegging mats and general ground duties. Perhaps some of the parents and members could arrange a roster under Bill's guidance for this purpose. It is too much to expect one man to carry out all the attendant duties and coach cricket as well.

BATMAN.

CHURCH CRICKET SCORES

The seventh round of matches in open age grades of the Western Suburbs Protestant Churches Cricket Association as a one-day fixture.

Before the commencement of play, all players and umpires stood in a moments remembrance of the late president of the Association, Mr. Albert Lowe, who passed away last week. All players and umpires also wore black armbands as a mark of respect to the former leader.

The day was full of surprises, and generally lower than usual scores prevailed. Only 10 teams registered over 150 runs, whilst six scored less than 100.

Most outstanding individual performances included a lightning century by Christ Church Newport player Graeme Seers, who made 114 n.o., and a first over of the match hat-trick by Barkly-st. Meths. bowler Norm Walker, who finished with 4/24.

Other batsmen to do well included Beard 96 n.o., Dunn 82 n.o., Manallack 77, N. Manton 55 retired.

Bowling performances of note included A. Cocks 7/20, Maynard 7/36, R. Manton 6/33, Punson 5/4, Wall 5/50, McGuire 5/53, and Richardson 5/59.

Scores of the round are as follows—

A GRADE

Williamstown Congs. 147 (K. Hogg 24, Bowyer 30, Bouchier 22, I. Young 20, J. Wall 5/50, B. Hayes 3/57) d. Yarraville Baptists 126 (R. Hayes 32, N. Hayes 32, Squire 20, Bowyer 3/13, Bouchier 3/46, K. Hogg 3/45).

Newport Meths. 62 (E. Cocks 28, Allen 14, Walker 4/24 including the hat-trick, d. Barkly-st. Meths. 60 (Bates 18, Walker 10, A. Cocks 7/20, Viney 3/36).
Seddon/Yarraville Congs. 7/176 c.c. (Hammond 38, Forrester 38, Bell 33, McGuire 5/53), d. Tottenham Baps. 59 (A. McNiece 17, Brookshaw 16, R. Manton 6/33).

82 n.o., G. Jackson 17, J. Anderson 14, d. St. Andrew's W'town 14/143 c.c. (Rowe 62, B. Hemedwood 30, Lewczuk 26, Dowling 3/55, Walker 4/31).

B GRADE

St. Stephen's North W'town 7/193 (Forbes 58, Flower 38, Funston 25, Williams 25 n.o., Austin 3/44), d. Paisley-st. Baps. 101 (Anderson 64 n.o., Forbes 4/34, Clark 3/42).

Yarraville Pres. 5/163 (Hampson 62, Whittle 29, d. Maidstone Church of Christ 4/158 c.c. (Rushton 58 n.o., K. Stone 55, Nugent 3/51).

Christ Church Newport 151 (Seers 114 n.o., Temby 4/43), d. Williamstown Meths. 84 (Evans 24, Sedgwick 31).

C GRADE

St. Eanswythe's were defeated by All Saints in the one-day game at the Henry Turner Reserve.

Batting first All Saints were able to knock out 151 for the loss of eight wickets before being forced to close at tea. They were able to gain many runs due to bad fielding. Alec Merrill (3/24) and Ian Haskell (3/30) took the bowling honours.

The St. Eanswythe's batting failed for only the second time this season and the were only able to score 131 and hence lost the game by 20 runs on the first innings.

All Saints-1st Innings:
McINNES, lbw, b Haskell 37
NOVAK, c. b Tyrrell 1
BOOKER, b Stephenson 26
STONEHAM, c. b Haskell 30
PARK, b Merrill 7
E. ADDISON, not out 29
BARRUTHERS, b Merrill 9
BOARD, c. b Haskell 0
BARROW, b Merrill 0
MURPHY, not out 3
Sundries (1b, 4lb, 4nb) 9

TOTAL: Eight (c.c.) for 151
BOWLING: A. Merrill 3/24, I. Haskell 3/30, P. Tyrrell 1/29, G. Stephenson 1/46, J. Holden 0/13.

St. Eanswythe's-1st Innings:
B. GARDE, lbw, b T. Addison 17
HASKELL, c. b McInnes 25
D. GARDE, b Booker 8
HOLDEN, c. b McInnes 19
MERRILL, c. b McInnes 2
STEPHENSON, c. b Stoneham 17
COURTROT, b Stoneham 8
WYNANDS, not out 8
CHATFIELD, b McInnes 0
TYRRELL, b Stoneham 0
MORTON, c. b Stoneham 0
Sundries (11b; 12nb) 23

TOTAL: 131

'GIVE DESERTED WIVES PREFERENCE'

Deserted wives should be given some preference for accommodation from the Housing Commission said Mr. W. L. Floyd, M.L.A., when speaking in the Legislative Assembly before Christmas.

Mr. Floyd said: "It is impossible for any government to provide the housing that is required for all those who make application. If this were possible, people who felt they were paying too much rent would look for a cheaper flat."

"I am continually being asked by constituents whether it is possible to obtain a flat at a cheaper rental. The answer is that the Housing Commission is concerned mostly with people who are being evicted, and those with large families."

"I make a plea on behalf of the deserted wives in our community. In many cases, they endeavour to keep their families together on the ordinary pension because, if the children are young, they are unable to go out to work, for which they ought to be given due credit. Of course, these women cannot afford to pay high rents. However, they receive no preference from the Commission, which argues that if deserted wives were given preference, foxes would beat the system—the husband would go away and when the wife obtained accommodation he would return. Sometimes a wife is deserted, the husband returns, but then leaves her again. The Commission will never be able to overcome this sort of problem. Many deserted wives in my electorate have consulted me on this matter, and no doubt other members have been faced with the same situation. These women need assistance, but they receive no preference from the Housing Commission."

No Workers Comp. For Dip. Students

The plight of full time diploma students who may be injured in an accident at school, but are not covered by workers compensation was brought to the attention of the Minister of Education by Cr. J. J. Ginifer, M.L.A. for Deer Park.

Cr. Ginifer said: "I direct the attention of the Minister of Education to the case of full time diploma students in technical schools and colleges."

"Although apprentices who are undertaking practical work in technical schools are, I believe, covered by workers compensation, it is my understanding that full time diploma students are not. This matter was brought to my notice as the result of an injury sustained by a full time student at Footscray Technical College."

"That student was severely injured. At the time, he was working in the machine shop. Action which was taken against the State Government concerning the matter was unsuccessful. I do not want to discuss that aspect now, but the fact remains that there is no cover of any kind for full time diploma students, and this is a matter which should be brought to the notice of the Education Department."

"I ask that appropriate action should be taken concerning this matter."

BOWLING: P. McInnes 4/22, N. Stoneham 4/45, T. Addison 1/12, Booker 1/29.

Kingsville Baps. 6/190 c.c. (Beard 96 n.o., Cass 45, Richardson 5/59), d. Ballarat-rd. Meths. 161 (P. Andear 25, Richardson 31, Berryman 39 n.o., Cass 3/55, Beard 3/53).

St. Andrew's Footscray 87 (D. Broughton 15 n.o., R. Westcott 16, Hadlow 15, Maynard 7/36, G. Dougall 3/37), d. Newport Baps. 35 (Punshon 5/4, Bunce 3/20).

Seddon/Yarraville Congs. 2/181 (W. Manallack 77, N. Manton 55 retired), d. Tottenham Baps. 132 (W. Brown 40, D. Just 22, Keifer 18, Wheate 3/23).

'THE PITCH'

Secretaries and/or delegates are reminded to pick the copies of "The Pitch" for their club at the usual places this Friday for distribution next Saturday.



ALTONA WORKING MEN'S CLUB

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18:

Outdoor Bowls Meeting

at 8 p.m.

All members interested in the establishment of an outdoor green are asked to attend.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20:

January Birthday Dance

at 8 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22:

Associates Monthly Meeting

at 8 p.m.

"SLIDE NIGHT"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27:

Australia Day Dance

at 8 p.m.

PORT PHILLIP FOLK FESTIVAL

The second annual national Port Phillip Folk Festival, will be held in Melbourne during the Australia Day Weekend later this month.

The Festival is designed folk music and folk lore in all their aspects, with particular emphasis on Australian material.

At the first Festival, about 2,500 people attended, coming down to Melbourne from all States.

One enthusiast actually hitch-hiked from Newcastle, two people came over from New Zealand, and a group travelled all the way from Brisbane by bus!

The second Festival will be even more tempting.

Songs, yarns, old time dancing, Australian hillbilly music, sea shanties, Greek music, contemporary and traditional Australian folk songs, discussions, workshops, a concert especially for children, the blues — all will be featured!

There will be films on folk lore and a workshop on instrumental techniques. Dr. David Duffly will give an illustrated talk on using folklore in teaching, and Dr. Edgar Waters will talk on the American background to Australian folk songs.

The influence of pop and folk music on singers like Woodie Guthrie, Pete Seeger and Bob Dylan will be discussed by Mr. John Giffedder, and Professor Russel Ward will speak on folk songs and ballads.

One especially valuable session will be a talkers workshop, where such exponents of the art of ear bashing as Alan Marshall and Bill Wannan will swap yarns, tall stories and recitations.

This session will go on until one of the parties falls to the floor gasping for breath, while distinguished academics will address the serious minded for a shorter period.

Dr. Ian Turner, of Monash University, who is shortly to publish a book on Australian children's play rhymes, will talk on the subject and illustrate it with field recordings.

Another interesting feature will be the discussion on oral history by Mr. Weston Bate, Dr. David Duffly and Dr. Edgar Waters.

Well-known singers such as Danny Spooner, Gordon McIntyre, Shayna Karlin, Declan Affley, Phyl Vinnicombe, Mike Ball, Glen Tomasetti, Peter Dickie, the Bush Band, Margaret Roadknight, Glenn Foster and Chris Duffy from Melbourne will be performing, along with the best of the interstate singers.

During the last 15 years or so collectors like Norm O'Connor, President of the Folk Lore Society of Victoria, and others have been going out into the country equipped with tape recorders looking for old bush songs, recitations and local reminiscences.

They have a unique collection of tape recordings which have preserved the social history of Australia for the times that are passed.

There will be collectors workshop where some of these people will play excerpts from their tapes.

The Festival will be held in the Pharmacy College, 381 Royal Parade, Carlton, which has all facilities including a cafeteria. It will start at 11 a.m. on Saturday morning January 27, and finish at 1 p.m. on Monday afternoon, January 29. People wanting to buy their tickets early should write to the honorary secretary, Miss Jane Durst, 37 Clyde Street, Surrey Hills, 3127.

THINK BEFORE YOU LEAP

An electric train, from a standing start, accelerates so quickly that in 10 seconds it could be travelling at approximately 15 m.p.h.

That's why a passenger attempting to alight from or join a train while it is in motion is flirting with death. And the maximum penalty (for survivors) is \$40.

Social Service For Migrants Studied

The Australian Government is studying possibilities of negotiating reciprocal agreements on social services with European countries.

This was announced at the 13th annual State conference of the Good Neighbour Council of South Australia by the Minister for Social Services, Mr. Sinclair.

The one-day conference, attended by more than 350 delegates from most parts of Sth. Australia, had as its theme 'Social Security in Australia'.

Costs and the fact that the Australian social services system differed from European systems were crucial difficulties in the way of reciprocal agreements, Mr. Sinclair said.

'The first necessity is to try to work out the relative costs to the governments concerned.

'More Europeans settle permanently in Australia than Australians do in Europe.

'This means that the cost to the Australian Government would be substantially greater than it would be for the European country with whom we might seek to sign a reciprocal agreement,' Mr. Sinclair said.

The second major difficulty arose from the fact that the Australian social security system was non-contributory.

'The only element of contribution is through our superannuation schemes and these are not Government-sponsored or Government-controlled,' Mr. Sinclair said.

In most European schemes, varying from country to country, people had to make contributions to social services.

The chairman of the South Australian Aged Cottage Homes, Sir Keith Wilson, told the conference that Australia had the most comprehensive social services in the world.

However, Sir Keith said complaints could be made about the means test on entitlement to widow and age pensions.

'There is no doubt in my mind that the means test discourages thrift and causes dissipation of capital,' he said.

'Capital is saving and anything that discourages saving is bad for the country.'

SAVAGE BOATS BUILD EXPORTS

New Guinea is the latest export market for Savage fibreglass boats with the delivery to the Territory Administrator of a 26ft. Savage Lancer for specialised departmental use in coastal waters.

The Lancer, which is manufactured by J. J. Savage and Sons, a division of the Savage group of boat building companies at Williamstown, will be fitted with Volvo Penta diesel motors for use in the Territory.

With its four berth accommodation, separate toilet and hand basin, stainless steel sink, stove and refrigerator, and strongly constructed veed hull, the Lancer can stay at sea for several days.

Additional accommodation is available in the spacious cockpit which like the cabin has full 6ft. plus headroom.

Already boats from the Savage group of companies are in use by the RAAF, the Victorian Fisheries and Game Department, the Hobart and Sydney Fisheries Departments as patrol boats and the New South Wales National Park Authority.

Exports markets for Savage boats include Singapore, Malaysia, Fiji, Nauru, and the 14ft. Javelin ski-boat has been sold in Jamaica in competition with the highly sophisticated American fibreglass manufacturers.

Savage Fibreglass Industries Ltd. plant at Newport, which manufactures Savage fibreglass

boats up to 20ft., was featured in a recent 'Export Action' film.

A 13ft. Savage Viva has become the first boat in Australia to break the 60 mph barrier for under 100 cubic inch motors at recent time trials on St. Georges River, Sydney.

The Viva, which has a 5ft. 4in. beam, seating accommodation for four, and is described as a family sports runabout is recommended for 20-65 hp outboard motor installations.

In the trials the boat, which is christened 'Viva La Savage,' clocked 60.296 mph over the measured kilometre.

On a subsequent race at Burdondong dam, 'Viva La Savage' led top racing boats, some with twin 100 hp motors, from start to finish in an unlimited scratch race to take first place.

The Savage group of boat-building companies was established in Melbourne just on 70 years ago.

Lifesavers Busy Over Holiday Period

During Christmas and the following holiday period the Altona Life Saving Club was kept busy on its patrols.

There were a total of 54 first-aid cases, 24 lost children and several rescues, the major ones being on Sunday, January 7, and Tuesday, January 9.

On January 7, two life savers, D. Shanahan and H. Harley, noticed a man aged about 25 in difficulties off the end of the pier. The life-savers aided the man to the pier and helped him on to the pier with the assistance of another life saver, J. Cattanech. He said he was alright and refused any treatment.

At approximately 1-15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, a member of the life saving club saw a large yellow raft with six people on about about 200 yards off shore, drifting out with the north wind. A blanket had been erected to act as a sunshield, but this was also acting as a sail. There was no sign of distress or assistance required, but they were kept under observation.

When the raft was out approximately 200 yards, they made an effort to return to the beach. To the life savers surprise, the occupants seemed to be using only their hands, and had no paddles. They were making no headway at all.

Four members launched the rescue, ski and paddled out 700 yards to the raft.

In the meantime other members placed a reel on the beach, however, the distance was too far to send a beltman.

On reaching the raft the life savers ordered the occupants to take down the blanket and then secured the raft to the surf ski. They then tried to paddle back to shore, but could make no headway at all. Two members and three people from the raft got into the water and swam, towing the raft.

Four hundred yards from the shore they were met by the beltman and hauled in.

This incident highlights the dangers of swimming in a calm sea with an offshore north wind, and the disirability of all people in floating objects being able to swim.

Members involved were C. Cotter, R. McDonald, E. Kip, R. Bailey, R. Locke, L. Allen, K. Harley, J. Hogan and also members of the public, P. Egan, A. Davies and R. Schwab.

Members have also been watchful for sharks after the recent alarm at Williamstown beach.

Members are reminded that bronze medallion and bronze bar exams will be taken on Saturday, January 19, at 10-30 a.m. at the St. Kilda sea water baths.

Once again Altona felt the pressure of keen competition at

last Sunday's carnival at Edithvale. Altona's best performance was a second by the ever staunch Lyn Allen in the musical flags.

Altona was edged into fourth placings in both reel and line teams. However, both teams registered low points (points being added for mistakes in this event). High hopes are held for the rest of the season.

As mentioned in previous weeks new members are always welcome. The life saving club, as well as offering a great deal of sporting activity, also has an active social committee, with car rallies, film nights, picnics, dances being held. The Altona Club during the summer season also sends a team every weekend to life saving carnivals around the bay, with events similar to the surf clubs.

Another activity is the learn to swim classes for juniors every Saturday at 2 p.m.

Next week's carnival will be on Sunday at Rosebud and the bus will leave early from the clubhouse. The exact time will be on the notice board.

TABLE TENNIS TO RESUME

SUMMER PENNANT

Competition players have only one more week ahead of them before pennant matches resume, and the fight for the finals begins in earnest.

Round 11 commences at the Table Tennis Centre, Garden St., Williamstown, on Tuesday January 30, for grades D4, E4; Wednesday, January 31 for B3, C3, D3, E3; Thursday, February 1, grades B2, C2, D2, E2; and Friday, February 2 for A, B1, C1.

SAFETY IS A STATE OF MIND

Mr. T. G. Crane, President, National Safety Council of Australia, Victorian Division, appeals to all drivers to help in further reducing the number of road deaths which during 1967 were 7 p.c. down on 1966.

In a statement he recently issued Mr. Crane said — "Safety is a state of mind. Once practised it becomes second nature — effortless and effective in reducing accidents. Nowhere is this truer than on the roads. Accidents do not happen. They are caused — mostly by individuals — you and me and that other fellow.

Statistics tell us that younger drivers, and particularly those under 30, are involved in more road accidents than any other group. But I have a high opinion of the capabilities of youth — once they become interested in a subject.

But the pressure of exams, the exciting prospect of holidays and of other social activities all tend to distract the attention of youth at the wheel. As a result he or she becomes careless — just for a split second. That's all it takes to have an accident — one single split second if the eyes or the brain are taken off the job.

So the message when driving is "Relax when you've got to your destination but not before — in case you never reach that destination."

In 1967 Victoria showed a healthy reduction in road deaths — in fact down 7 p.c. compared with previous on 1966 to the same date. If every driver this year — young and old — will make up his and her mind to help — then we can easily end the year 10 p.c. better than last year. This means that one hundred lives can be saved to live and enjoy their life to the full."

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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LOST

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DEATHS

FOSTER (Downie).—On Jan. 5, 1968, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Ellen, of 34 Millers-rd., Altona, dearly beloved wife of Cecil, loving mother of Bernard (dec.) and Brian, loved mother-in-law of Doreen. Requiescat in Pace.

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FERRY, Edna.—Treasured memories of our darling mum and nana, passed away on Jan. 20, 1967. A wonderful mum without a doubt. One it is hard to be without. Two little words not hard to write. Two I'll remember all my life: "My Mum." Loving daughter Eve, son-in-law Merv, grandchildren Debbie, Lynne, Patrick, Mark.

FERRY, Edna May.—In loving memory of our darling mum and nana, who fell asleep on Jan. 20, 1967. It takes little space to say how much we loved you. But will take the rest of our lives to forget the day we lost you. So dearly loved, so sadly missed. Margaret, Don Karen and Darren.

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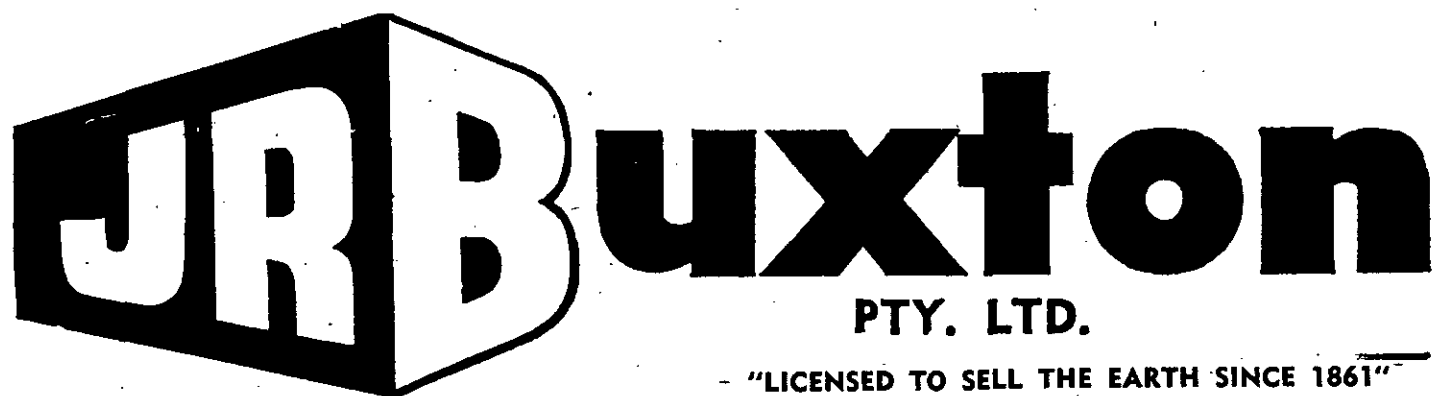
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